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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(c))**

Docket Number (Optional)

204/151

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The above-identified patent:

- ☐ is a reissue of original Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, original issue date \_\_\_\_\_;  
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8(a))**

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## 1. SMALL ENTITY

☐ Attached herewith is a statement establishing small entity status.

OR

☒ A statement establishing small entity status for this patent has been filed and it is confirmed that the current owner of this patent still qualifies for small entity status.

## 2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in...patent prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate pursuant to Section 1.19 of this part." From the wording of 37 CFR 1.28(a): notification of change of status (a) must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity. See also 37 CFR 1.366(f).

☐ The status of this patent has changed from that of small entity to other than that of small entity.

## 3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

| NOT Small Entity                  |               |        | Small Entity                                      |               |        |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------|---|---------------|--------|
| Amount                            | Fee           | (Code) | Amount  | Fee           | (Code) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ | 3 1/2 yr fee  | (183)  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ <u>415</u> | 3 1/2 yr fee  | (283)  |
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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 415.00

## 4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) of \$ 1,640. (Fee Code 188) must be paid as a condition of accepting unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 1,640.00

## 5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☒ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ 4,110.00.

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this authorization is attached.

## 6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition deficiency to Deposit Account No. 12-2475. A duplicate copy of this authorization is attached.

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**7. OVERPAYMENT**

As to any overpayment made please

- OR ☒ Credit to Deposit Account No. 12-2475
- ☐ Send refund check.

**8. STATEMENT**

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

**9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.**

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

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Date

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**ENCLOSURES:**

- ☒ Maintenance Fee payment
- ☐ Small Entity Status Form
- ☒ Surcharge
- ☒ Return Postcard

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